

193rd ANNUAL REPORT
1983-84

The Royal
School
for the Blind
Liverpool

THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL

Established 1791.

Incorporated 1829.

Patron:

Her Majesty the Queen

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WAVERTREE SCHOOL AND CLIFTON HOUSE

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY DEPARTMENTS

Headmaster:

H. S. D. Marks, Esq.

Deputy Head:

Miss D. E. Wares

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Dr. G. S. Roberts

Hon. Ophthalmic Surgeon:

Mr. D. M. J. Burns, F.R.C.S.

Hon. Chaplain:

Rev. R. Metcalf

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Mrs. J. I. Thomas

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1983-84

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

The Committee of Management have pleasure in presenting their 193rd Annual Report.

WAVERTREE SCHOOL AND CLIFTON HOUSE

The Autumn Term in both schools is always busy and children returning from the long summer holiday found a number of changes had taken place in staff and accommodation. Teachers and housemothers had left to take up other appointments and new members of staff to replace them had to be helped to settle and get to know the groups and individuals for whom they were responsible. Part of adapting to a new institution is the different arrangements and timings of meals, class lessons, evening activities and other equivalent events and for a new child or member of staff there are always many knowledgeable children who know all the routines, and are very willing to teach others. It can, however, be a difficult period for a new child, particularly one who may be leaving home for the first time and the School will seem a huge, boisterous and busy place. Here again the more experienced child can play a role in making sure that there is no lack of friends and can support the Housemother and Teacher who will be closely responsible for that pupil.

The child's attendance from home is now generally for shorter periods than in former years and those children not coming to the School daily usually go home on a Friday afternoon to return on Monday morning. It is not so many years ago that Wavertree children returned home only for holidays and spent weekends at the School.

A rather special aspect of the earlier part of the term was the gift of a new black taxicab by Liverpool's Taxicab Trade. This has been a tremendous asset and has in a very unique way helped our children to identify with the Trade which has for so many years and so generously given their support to the School.

Christmas is a special time of the year and 1983 was no exception. The children participated in a Nativity Service at the Holy Trinity Parish Church, Wavertree. A well supported event. The usual Christmas Entertainment did not take place due to a considerable amount of building work taking place in the area of the gymnasium. The alterations did not, however, inhibit the children's parties both in Clifton House and Wavertree and each group of children promoted, with staff, their own event. The Clifton House Party was without doubt an occasion to be remembered and a lot of thought and work was put into it by staff and children. The Rathbone Theatre Group visited during the Spring Term and the children helped with parts and costumes in the play which was presented.

The opening of the International Garden Festival Liverpool '84 in May promoted considerable interest and many of the children visited the Festival and well known personalities came to the School. While this was an event of continuing interest during the Summer Term, others of a more singular nature took place. The Taxicab Outing in June was again an enormous success and was led to Southport by the taxi donated in the Autumn. Hesketh Bank High School arranged for three of the senior children to accompany them on a tandem tour of the Cotswolds, and another group of the senior children attended an Outward Bound Centre in the Lake District and participated in all the adventurous activities of the Centre, including canoeing, rock climbing and fell walking.

The purchase of six Visualteks during the year has meant that each class now has one available. The magnification of the print onto a small television-type screen gives those children who have some vision the opportunity to read ordinary literature. In earlier years the Braille alphabet was perhaps most used in the School now, however, such aids as the Visualtek and Optacon have made it essential that all children learn the standard alphabet and the outlines of all letters.

Other equipment brought into use during the year included the 'ball pool' and the 'power jog'. The former comprising thousands of vacuum filled coloured plastic balls in which a child can 'swim' or 'play' without any danger. The power jog is an electronically operated moving rubber belt on a specially designed running platform which can be operated at any speed suitable to the user. For the less mobile children this could be at walking speed but would increase their confidence and ability to overcome the mobility loss.



OPENING OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS

DEVELOPMENT

The construction work during the Autumn and Spring Terms has been completed, providing a covered ramped subsidiary main entrance to the School entering near the Gymnasium and Music Room. The newly installed lift is near the new entrance and gives easy access to all floors of the building. Designed to facilitate wheel chair use both the ramps and lift will, however, help considerably those children who, for a number of reasons, find the exertion of stair climbing and normal mobility a problem. Changes in the population of the School and the increased number of multihandicapped children now entering has meant that new teaching criteria have had to be adopted. For this reason new Units are being established in the School to provide for the groups of children with lower ability than average. These are specially staffed and children live and learn in an individually assessed situation so that their needs can be known and teachers and houseparents, with other advisors, can prepare a planned educational programme.

The area outside the main school entrance which is used by all children to practise mobility and to visit the local shopping area has, in recent years, become a very busy bus and traffic route, and it was with some relief that traffic lights were installed in the Summer of 1984. While not having an audio facility— although this is promised for the future—it has altered and slowed the traffic flow and must be a much safer and better used crossing. Officially opened by Brian Jacques with representatives of the City Council and the City Engineer, we very much appreciate the help of everyone who promoted and provided the lights.

THE EDUCATION OF THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED

A discussion paper was provided by the Department of Education and Science during July 1984, establishing a pattern of education for the visually handicapped for the next decade. Wavertree School and Clifton House will continue to be mainly responsible for the multihandicapped visually handicapped child. It is these children whose needs the School has been adjusting to meet in recent years, and variations in the organisation of educational departments, provision of special equipment and adjustments in buildings and facilities have all been taking place in line with the number of pupils of this category entering the School. This is a challenging role in the education of the visually handicapped.

PROSPECTUS

A booklet has been produced describing the education and training available at Wavertree School and Clifton House. Copies can be obtained from the Administrative Office.

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Accounts for the year ended 31st March 1984 have been printed separately, and can be obtained from the Secretary/Bursar.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Taxi Cab Drivers Blind Children's Outings have taken place yearly since the School returned from evacuation to Rhyl during the war years and the event and its exciting programme is much appreciated by the children. The Taxi Cab Drivers, however, subsequent to the June 1984 Outing, provided for the use of the School a black taxi cab. This has been a tremendous asset and will for a lot of years provide a ready and distinctive means of transport, from which the children will derive a great deal of pleasure.

We are also grateful to Brian Jacques of Radio Merseyside who has frequently, during the year, visited the School and is always popular with the children. The Christmas appeal was a great success and he has been personally involved in many functions from which the School benefitted greatly. His untiring efforts are very much appreciated.

Miss Lila Pancholi arranged a concert at the Philharmonic Hall at which the principal artist was the Master of Indian Classical Music, Ravi Shankar. Her considerable organising flair and his talents provided a unique and enjoyable event.

We also valued the support of those who organised the Kops & Kids Concert, Mrs. Hughes, the parent of one of the children and her friends who helped provide the "ball pool", and the St. Agnes Labour Club, Huyton, who provided a number of charity shows on our behalf.

We also acknowledge the special efforts of H.M.S. Liverpool, Sefton Park Conservative Club, the Metal Box Co., the Sociology Department of Liverpool University, The Hermitage Tavern, The Green Lane Tavern and the Merseyside Tunnel Police.

These names represent only a few of those who, during the year, have provided some assistance to the School and the children and we would express our sincere appreciation to all those not mentioned here who have been involved and provided their support.



PRESENTATION OF TAXI CAB



MEMBERSHIP

By the Act of Incorporation, any person donating a sum of £10 at any one time or subscribing £1.05 or more per year to the Charity, becomes a member.

New members during the year are listed below:

A. Hill, Liverpool 1.
T. McKenna, Liverpool 25.
Hermitage Tavern, Liverpool 4.
H. Johnston, Moreton.
R. J. Meath, Liverpool 18.
Notre Dame Collegiate School, Liverpool 4.
H. Briggs, Thornton.
Sefton Park Conservative Club, Liverpool 15.
Soroptomist International of Liverpool.
G. I. Balasundram, Singapore.
Frodsham Conservative Club.
St. Agnes Labour Club, Huyton.
Aigburth Vale Comprehensive School.
Burtonwood Community Centre.
T. A. Le-bot, Bootle.
Mrs. Elizabeth Jowett, Bootle.
J. Clarke, Cheltenham.
D. McCormick, Liverpool 11.
Green Lane Tavern, Liverpool 13.
Mrs. N. Marczok, Liverpool 17.
Coffee House Hotel, Liverpool 15.
South Liverpool F.C. Members Club, Liverpool 19.
Mrs. E. Cull, Liverpool 15.
Wellington Vaults, Liverpool 8.
Jacks Food Distributors, Liverpool 5.
Huntley & Palmers Ltd., Recreation Club, Liverpool.
Mrs. M. Parkinson, Liverpool 9.
Mrs. H. Barton, Liverpool 15.
E. Rimmer, Bebington.
B. & Q. Retail, Garston.
Birkenhead Preparatory School.
St. Andrews Church of Scotland, Women's Guild.
Liverpool University, Sociology Department.
J. E. Edwards & Co., Liverpool 15.



CHILDREN AT THE Y.M.C.A. LAKESIDE CAMP, ULVERSTON

LEGACIES

The following Legacies received during the year are gratefully acknowledged:—

The late	£	p
Miss Martha Greenwood, via Brabner Holden & Co., Solicitors, Liverpool 2	1,000	00
Leonard Weaver, via Midland Bank Trust Co., Liverpool	5,714	70
Mrs. Hilda M. Jones, via Rathbone Bros. & Co., Liverpool 2	50	00
Jennie Scott, via F. W. Hughes & Son, Solicitors, London W2	200	00
Arthur J. Jones, via Messrs. Whitley & Co., Solicitors, Liverpool 2	51	80
Arnold W. Griffiths, via R. H. Vyner-Brooks & Co., Solicitors, Liverpool 10	2,000	00
Elsie M. Cottrell, via Messrs. Nunn & Co., Solicitors, Colwyn Bay	13,085	47
Miss Ada Jane Bedford, via Dean, Newman, Green & Co., Solicitors, Liverpool 4	200	00

FORM OF BEQUEST

The following Form of Bequest is recommended to those
who may wish to assist the School by way of Legacies

I GIVE and bequeath to THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL,
Administrative Office, 549 Smithdown Road, Liverpool L15 5AF,

the sum of
absolutely and free of duty for the general purposes of the said School AND
SO THAT the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper Officer of the said
School for the time being shall be a good discharge of such legacy to my
Trustees and so that my Trustees shall not be responsible to see to the
application thereof.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL

1791 The Liverpool School for the Indigent Blind was opened in Commutation Row. This was the first School for the Blind to be established in the British Isles and second only to Paris in the world.

The School was founded by Edward Rushton, who was blinded at sea when 19 years of age and became a bookseller in Paradise Street, Liverpool. He received considerable help from his friend J. Christie, a blind musician who became one of the first teachers in the Institution.

The Reverend Henry Dannett, The Vicar of St. John's, Liverpool, hearing of the scheme from Edward Rushton, became co-founder and played a large part in obtaining the support of the inhabitants of Liverpool and the North West to the venture.



The Seal of the School for Indigent Blind

He managed the Institution until 1793, when the management was taken over by a Committee drawn from the Members of the Charity.

- 1800 The School moved to a newly constructed building in Duncan Street, Liverpool, which provided residential accommodation.
- 1806 His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales, visited the School and became its Patron.
This Royal Patronage has extended up to the present day.
- 1819 The Chapel of the School for the Blind was built adjoining the School, and was famous for the quality of its music and services.
- 1829 An Act of Incorporation was passed in Parliament, which regulated the government of the School and the Chapel.
- 1851 The School moved to new premises in Hardman Street, and the Chapel was taken down and re-erected alongside the School.
- 1898 The Wavertree School for Blind Children was built for the education of school age children. Hardman Street School remained as a technical and training centre for the adult blind. At the time of the erection of Wavertree School, a donation of £10,000 was made, approximately one third of the cost. The donor was Miss Mary Hornby of Walton, whose generosity to Wavertree School during its early years was extensive.
- 1928 The Chapel for the Blind was closed and services discontinued. The site on which the Chapel had stood was later used for an extension of the Hardman Street School and provided for the erection of sales departments, workshops, and domestic science training areas.

- 1945 Under the Education Act, 1944, the Wavertree School became the Junior School for the North West. Secondary School age children were transferred to Henshaw's, Manchester. Hardman Street became the Technical School in the North West for blind adolescent students.
- 1957 Due to changing social conditions and the availability of open industry to blind trainees, the Technical School at Hardman Street closed.
During 1972 the Bronze Doors, which were an important feature of the Hardman Street School, were removed and sited at Wavertree.
- 1966 By the Liverpool Corporation (General Powers Act) 1966, the institution was renamed The School for the Blind, Liverpool. In July of the same year, Her Majesty the Queen graciously commanded that the title should become The Royal School for the Blind, Liverpool.
- 1968 The Abbeyholme Preparatory School adjacent to Wavertree School closed and was purchased by the Trustees. It unfortunately required demolition but became the site of the School's adventure playground and mobility area.
- 1973 An adjoining property, Clifton House, was purchased and converted.
- 1974/76 A large scheme of improvement comprising classrooms, subject teaching areas and living quarters, was completed.
- 1978 Approval was given to providing a Secondary Age Unit for children with additional handicaps.
- 1982/83 National & Area talks took place to provide a plan for the education of visually handicapped children. As a result, the future role of the School at Wavertree was to be the education and training of the visually handicapped child with additional handicaps between the age of 3 and 18.

THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL

Recognised by the Department of Education & Science

Registered in accordance with the National Assistance Act, 1948 and the Charities Act 1960

INFORMATION FOR DONORS AND SUBSCRIBERS

The Royal School for the Blind, Liverpool, being a Charity, is not liable to Income Tax, but generally all subscribers have to pay tax on the income out of which payment is made for subscriptions. The School is allowed under the Income Tax Acts to recover any tax paid by the Subscriber in relation to a subscription, but only if a deed of covenant for at least four years has been signed. Thus £1 per annum for seven years becomes £10·01 after recovery of the tax and £5 per year would become £50·05 at the standard rate of tax.

Copies of covenant, donation and bankers order forms are enclosed with this report, or can be obtained.

OLD PUPILS FUND

This fund enables the Committee to keep in touch with all pupils who, after training, may require advice or financial help.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

Are received by the Treasurer, Midland Bank Ltd., 32 Rodney Street, Liverpool, the Liverpool Council of Social Service, 14 Castle Street, Liverpool, and the Secretary/Bursar.

ACCOUNTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Can be obtained from:—

Secretary/Bursar,
Administrative Office,
Royal School for the Blind, Liverpool,
549 Smithdown Road, Liverpool L15 5AF.

THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

31ST MARCH 1984

CHALMERS IMPEY & CO

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH 1984

	<u>Notes</u>	£	1984	£	£	1983	£
GENERAL FUND ASSETS	1						
Investments	2		320,085			261,653	
Staff Housing Loans			6,350			5,850	
Debtors			16,387			20,512	
Cash and bank balances			28,102			46,244	
				370,924		334,259	
Less: Creditors and provisions			20,601			17,109	
				350,323		317,150	
ENDOWMENT FUND ASSETS							
Investments	2		4,230			4,230	
OLD PUPILS' FUND ASSETS							
Investments	2	2,961			3,450		
Due by General Fund		1,084			847		
Cash balance		137			121		
				4,182		4,418	
				358,735		325,798	
Financed by:							
GENERAL FUND	3		329,689			298,910	
REVENUE ACCOUNT	4		14,067			13,666	
BUILDING REPAIRS AND MODERNISATION RESERVE	5		6,567			4,574	
				350,323		317,150	
ENDOWMENT FUND	6		4,230			4,230	
OLD PUPILS' FUND	7		4,182			4,418	
				358,735		325,798	
PRESIDENT:		J.C. SMYTH					
TREASURER:		J. CREWE					
SECRETARY & BURSER:		T.C. MILBURN					

THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL
GENERAL CHARITY FUND ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1984

	£	1984	£	1983	£
INCOME					
Annual Subscriptions		351			230
Donations		21,256			11,066
Legacies		22,295			4,434
Proportion of local collection of the					
Royal National Institute for the Blind		2,653			3,499
Income from investments, gross					
General Fund		32,383			29,477
Endowment Fund		556			520
Bank Interest		696			765
Other Interest		80			863
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		80,270			50,854
EXPENDITURE					
Educational equipment	20,861			9,066	
Management expenses	60			47	
Pensions	2,794			1,062	
Gifts to pupils	460			1,043	
Printing and stationery	249			114	
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		(24,424)			(11,332)
SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO GENERAL FUND (Note 3)		<hr/>			<hr/>
		55,846			39,522
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OLD PUPILS' FUND ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1984

	£	£
INCOME		
Investment income	371	372
DEDUCT: EXPENDITURE		
Grants	(500)	(90)
(DEFICIT) SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO OLD PUPILS' FUND	<hr/>	<hr/>
(Note 7)	(129)	282
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THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOLEDUCATION ACCOUNTFOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1984

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
	£	£
INCOME		
Augmentation of blind employees' wages	3,713	3,510
Fees from local education authorities	348,168	326,045
Miscellaneous	1,613	1,998
	<u>353,494</u>	<u>331,553</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Salaries and Wages	261,127	245,312
Transfer to Buildings Repair and Modernisation account	12,500	12,500
Running costs - buildings and grounds	36,431	31,310
Supplies and Services	24,396	20,892
Transport and Travelling	4,784	4,398
Establishment costs	13,605	14,053
Other expenses	250	231
	<u>353,093</u>	<u>328,696</u>
SURPLUS TRANSFERRED TO REVENUE ACCOUNT (Note 4)	<u>401</u>	<u>2,857</u>

THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL
STATEMENT OF SOURCE AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1984

GENERAL FUND	£	<u>1984</u>	£	£	<u>1983</u>	£
SOURCE OF FUNDS						
Surplus on Education Account			401			2,857
Surplus on General Charity Fund Account						
			<u>55,846</u>			<u>39,522</u>
			56,247			42,379
Adjustment for items not involving the movement of funds:						
Increase/(Decrease) in balance of Building repairs and modernisation reserve			<u>1,993</u>			<u>4,453</u>
Total generated from Operations			58,240			46,832
Sale of investments			<u>42,718</u>			<u>8,800</u>
TOTAL SOURCES			100,958			55,632
APPLICATION OF FUNDS						
Purchase of investments	132,498			-		
Capital expenditure	<u>27,706</u>			<u>593</u>		
			(160,204)			(593)
			<u>(59,246)</u>			<u>55,039</u>
CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL AND LIQUID FUNDS						
(Decrease)/Increase in short term deposit	(33,987)			62,147		
(Decrease)/Increase in debtors	(3,625)			(9,272)		
(Increase)/Decrease in creditors	<u>(3,492)</u>			<u>481</u>		
	(41,104)			53,356		
Movement in net liquid funds (Decrease)/Increase in bank balances	<u>(18,142)</u>			<u>1,683</u>		
			<u>(59,246)</u>			<u>55,039</u>
OLD PUPILS' FUND						
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(129)			282		
Loss on sale of investments	<u>(107)</u>			<u>-</u>		
			(236)			282
CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL						
Increase in debtors	237			329		
Increase/(Decrease) in bank balances	16			(47)		
(Decrease) in investments	<u>(489)</u>			<u>-</u>		
			(236)			282

THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL

NOTES

1. GENERAL FUND ASSETS

The School also owns the following fixed assets:

- (a) Freehold Properties:
Land and Buildings at Church Road North, Prince Alfred Road, and Smithdown Road, Wavertree.
- (b) Furniture and furnishings, kitchen equipment, linen, glass, china and cutlery at the above properties.
- (c) One Ford Transit Mini Bus, one Black Taxi Cab and two Ford Escort Estate cars, which were gifts to the School.

The expenditure incurred on items (a) and (b) since 1945 amounts to approximately £534,839, of which £4,000 was contributed by specific donations and £165,631 by grants from the Department of Education and Science. The balance of the cost has been written off when incurred against the General Fund and accordingly no depreciation is charged to Income and Expenditure Account. Expenditure prior to 1945 is not now ascertainable.

No current value of the foregoing assets can be ascertained without obtaining a professional valuation. The Committee of Management are of the opinion that no useful purpose would be served by such a valuation and that its cost would be an unjustified expense.

2. INVESTMENTS

		Market Value at 31st March 1970 or subsequent cost or valuation	
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		£	
Narrow Range			
£30,000	12% Treasury Stock 1987		27,832
£36,000	Exchequer 11% Stock 1991		36,480
£56,000	Exchequer 10½% Stock 1995		56,018
			<u>120,330</u>
Wider Range Holdings - Narrow Range Stocks			
	National Savings Income Bonds		10,000
	18,552.88 Units Midland Bank Gilt & Fixed Interest		10,000
Wider Range			
	8,638.55 Units Midland Bank Equity Exempt Fund		20,000
	46,372 Units Equities Investment Fund for Charities		50,464
			<u>90,464</u>
Special Range			
	54,603.60 Units Charities Official Investment Fund		61,131
Uninvested Cash Awaiting Investment			
	Narrow Range		23,563
	Wider Range		24,597
			<u>48,160</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			<u>320,085</u>
(Market Value at 31.03.84. £462,755)			
(" " " 31.03.83. £355,647)			

THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOLNOTES (Continued);ENDOWMENT FUND

£

Special Range

3,970.46 Units Charities Official Investment Fund	4,230
(Market Value at 31.03.84 £9,740)	
(" " " 31.03.83 £8,083)	

OLD PUPILS FUND

Special Range

2,483.69 Units Charities Official Investment Fund	2,961
(Market Value at 31.03.84 £6,092)	
(" " " 31.03.83 £5,428)	

3. GENERAL FUND

	1984	1983
	£	£
Surplus Account		
Balance at 1st April 1983	298,910	259,143
Add: Surplus transferred from		
General Charity Fund Account	55,846	39,522
Surplus on redemption of investments	2,638	838
	357,394	299,503
Less: Improvements to property	(18,503)	(593)
Cost of new vehicle	(9,202)	-
Balance at 31st March 1984	329,689	298,910

4. REVENUE ACCOUNT

	£	£
Balance at 1st April 1983	13,666	10,809
Surplus transferred from Education Account	401	2,857
Balance at 31st March 1984	14,067	13,666

5. BUILDING REPAIRS & MODERNISATION RESERVE

	£	£	£
Balance at 1st April 1983		4,574	121
Transfer from Education Account			
(Page 3)	12,500		12,500
	17,074		12,621
Deduct: Expenditure in the year			
Repairs and maintenance			
of buildings	7,865	5,660	
Maintenance of grounds	2,642	2,387	
	(10,507)		(8,047)
Balance at 31st March 1984		6,567	4,574

NOTES (Continued)

The Governors have decided that, in order to equalise the annual charge for repairs and modernisation, a reserve for this purpose should be created by annual transfers from education account and that all repairs and modernisation expenditure should be charged against this reserve.

6. ENDOWMENT FUND		<u>1984</u>	<u>1983</u>
		£	£
The Court Fund		1,438	1,438
Roger Lyon Jones Trust Fund		720	720
Sir Henry Lucy Fund		719	719
David Malcolmson Fund		719	719
Edward Wadworth Fund		634	634
		<u>4,230</u>	<u>4,230</u>
		<u><u>4,230</u></u>	<u><u>4,230</u></u>
7. OLD PUPILS' FUND	£		
Surplus Account			
Balance at 1st April 1983		4,418	4,136
Less: (Deficit)/Surplus transferred			
from the Old Pupils' Fund Account	(129)	282	
Loss on Sale of Investments	(107)	-	
		<u>(236)</u>	<u>282</u>
Balance at 31st March 1984		<u>4,182</u>	<u>4,418</u>
		<u><u>4,182</u></u>	<u><u>4,418</u></u>

8. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were capital commitments for an amount of £12,567 at 31st March 1984 (1983 - NIL)

9. LIVERPOOL LADIES' ASSOCIATION FOR THE CARE AND TRAINING OF GIRLS

Transactions relating to this Charity, of which the Committee have been appointed Trustees, are not included in the account.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, LIVERPOOL

We have audited the financial statements on pages 1 to 7 in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In our opinion, these financial statements, which have been prepared under the historical cost convention, give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of The Royal School For The Blind, Liverpool, at 31st March 1984 and of its results and source and application of funds for the year ended on that date.

LIVERPOOL

CHALMERS, IMPEY & CO.,

31ST AUGUST, 1984

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

